

Nate's Dream

Dream *(Interpretive Notes in Red)*

I dreamed of a person struggling with sin. He was sitting in the stomach of what seemed to be a sea monster or a giant whale.

I knew that the acid in the stomach was slowly digesting this person by destroying whatever part of him was touching the bottom of his stomach. It obviously was very uncomfortable. This made him constantly trying to shift his position in order to not be as uncomfortable. The feelings I felt he was experiencing were that of fatalism, discouragement, loneliness, woefulness and even such a lack of hopefulness and joy that it caused him to want to give up, lay down and slowly die.

Person struggling with sin- battle, bondage, divided heart, blindness, double-minded, frustration, aggravation, not seeing breakthrough, depression; had sense when waking up that he was a believer
stomach- digestion, trapped, Jonah, core of your being, like a furnace, where things decompose, completely covered in slimy grossness
sea monster of a giant whale - Leviathan, can't get away from it because it is so big, Satan, something that keeps getting bigger as you keep feeding it, something that eats you or slowly consumes you, destruction, movies with sea monster coming up out of the sea; convinced that the person brought on himself, the result of sin finally trapping you

acid- burns, breaks down food, destroys, eats away, consumes
slowly digesting - slowly led into sin, stealthiness of Satan, slowly ensnaring you more and more, deceptive; James 1
uncomfortable - desire to change, get out of it, want to get comfortable, shows that you don't like it
fatalism - out of control, already determined so can't do anything about it, "it's too late" mentality, no hope, Islam; discouragement – rut

The only way for him to be freed from this hopeless situation would be to be digested and go out the other way.

freed - repentance, happiness, painful process but something you have to go through, like rehab, in the light, sin you used to struggle with doesn't have hold on you, though there is the temptation, you don't actually fall to it

digested and go out the other way- processed, violence in confronting sin, passing through the humiliation of actually coming out that side, temporary, breaking you down, sifting the good from the bad, repentance

Primary emotions in dream - despair, couldn't get through it, feelings of sadness for the man, some sympathy/understanding

Related Scriptures: Matthew 5, James 1, Col 3, Mat 23:25-28, Joel 2, Matthew 18:8-9

Interpretation

The destruction of sin can be compared to an acid that slowly eats away at a person. It is uncomfortable and can bring discouragement and leave him feeling hopeless. Freedom from sin and true repentance can be a "violent" and humbling process of choosing again to rend one's heart. It may require drastic measures and be uncomfortable, but in the end will lead to abundant life and freedom in Christ.